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Sending Indian astronaut in space

2068. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what progress has been made in sending an Indian astronaut into space in collaboration with USA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): Due to the unfortunate accident with Space Shuttle 'Challenged' in January 1986 and the consequent transfer of the launch of INSAT-IC to Ariane and INSAT-ID to Delta unmanned launchings, the INSAT-IC Payload Specialist flight programme had to be dropped. Presently, the Space Transportation System (STS) flights are suspended and are not expected to resume until June 1988. Also, at present there are no Indian spacecraft slated for STS launchings. As and when the new NASA policy on flight of foreign Payload Specialists on future STS flights emerges, the possibility of flying an Indian astronaut on STS in collaboration with USA| NASA will be considered and a decision will be taken keeping in view the scientific|technical and other benefits that many accrue from such a flight.

Definition of family

2069. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for rationalising the definition of 'family' for the purpose of extending the family pension benefit to the mother of a bachelor Government employee;

(b) if so, whether action has been initiated to expedite a decision in the matter so that many such people are benefited; and

(c) by when the job of rationalising the definition of 'family' is likely to be done?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (c) The rationalisation of the definition of 'family' for various benefits available to a Government servant is under consideration.

Ex-gratia payment to CPF retirees

2070. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fourth Central Pay Commission have made recommendations regarding grant of ex-gratia payment to CPF retirees and their widows;

(b) if so, what is the nature of said recommendations;

(c) whether Government have accepted the said recommendations;

(d) if so, whether Government is issuing orders and what are the details thereof;

(e) whether Government are aware of the fact that very few CPF retirees and their widows are alive; and

(f) if so, whether orders on pay commission's recommendations will be expedited to benefit such retirees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) The Fourth Central Pay Commission have recommended grant of an ex-gratia payment of Rs. 300|- per mensem with effect from 1.1.86 to all CPF beneficiaries who retired prior to 31.3.1985 with a basic pay upto Rs. 500|- p.m. at the time of

retirement, and at 50 per cent of the above rate to the families of the employees covered by CPF Scheme.

(c) to (f) The recommendations are still under consideration of the Government.

Raids conducted against large industrial houses

2071. SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the number of raids conducted against large industrial houses for tax evasion and FERA violations during the last six months;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have shifted its thrust from big to small tax evaders; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Information to the extent possible is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

T.V. transmission at Jorhat

2072. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the sentiments of local people have been bruised for not starting the T.V. transmission centre at Jorhat even in August, 1987;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken in this regard; and

(c) by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) The proposed 100 W TV transmitter for Jorhat is expected to be installed and commissioned into service during 1987-88. The equipment for this centre is already on order and construction of building required for the purpose is in progress.

Unsatisfactory service of Banks

2073. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question 2034 on 7th May, 1987 and state:

(a) that despite the raising of the question of highly unsatisfactory service of the Aminabad Branch of Central Bank of India, Lucknow and despite the reply of the Bank authorities, no improvement has taken place in the service of the said bank and a number of complaints have been received against highly unsatisfactory service and discourtesy of the staff of the said bank and same is the case with the Civil lines Branch of Punjab National Bank, Aligarh; and

(b) what action the Government propose to take against both these banks on account of persistent dereliction in the service and behaviour of their staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Central Bank of India has reported that no specific complaints of unsatisfactory service against Its Aminabad Branch, Lucknow have been received by it. Complaints of routine nature have been received by it and disposed of expeditiously. Punjab National Bank has reported that proper customer service is being rendered by its Civil Branch at Aligrah and no complaint has been received against the branch during the current year so far.

(b) Does not aries.